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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

SINKING OF THE YASAKA MARU: LOSS PUT AT A MILLION STERLING.

RUSSIAN NAVAL SUCCESS AGAINST BULGARIA.

Explosion in Turkish Dynamite Depot.

NATIONAL MANIFESTO BY BRITISH BANKERS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph"]

FINANCIAL MOBILISATION.

A BRITISH BANKERS' MANIFESTO.

December 23, 3.50 a.m.
A Manifesto to the Nation signed by eighteen leading bankers and financiers declare that the mobilisation of the whole nation's financial resources must now be undertaken with courage and vigour. With everyone anxious to do his bit, the financing of the war can and will be accomplished and ultimate victory assured.

The Manifesto says the Allied Fleet, by the stoppage of the enemy's foreign commerce, has seriously diminished his financial strength, while simultaneously the military strength of the Allies ashore has steadily increased. Only one thing is needed to secure victory—namely, to provide money to support the vast new armies and pay for the vast quantities of munitions being manufactured everywhere throughout the world.

The task of finding the immense sums needed by the Allies devolves specially on the British people, whose manufacturing power is unimpaired by invasion. Cities have not been destroyed, our income is undiminished, and our exports are still greater than in 1905. The stupendous task of raising sixteen hundred millions during the current, and eighteen hundred millions during the next, fiscal year will try the mettle of the nation to the utmost, and demand the strenuous co-operation of every individual and the concentration of our energies solely for the production of essentials. All classes must husband their income most carefully.

THE YASAKA MARU.

FOUNDERED IN 45 MINUTES.

December 23, 1.20 p.m.
The Yataka Maru went down in 45 minutes. There was perfect discipline on board.
The vessel (of 10,932 tons) was bound from London to Japan. She had a long passenger list and a valuable cargo.
The loss may amount to one million sterling, which will fall on the insurance market, according to the papers.

THE BALKANS.

ENEMY OFFENSIVE EXPECTED.

December 23, 1.20 p.m.
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THE VICTOR OF LIEGE.

DIES AT HANOVER.

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ANOTHER EXPLOSION.

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AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.

AN ULTIMATUM?

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A TRAITOR?

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TAHRED AND FEATHERED.

AUSTRALIA'S WAY WITH TRADE UNIONISTS.

December 23, 3.45 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne states that a party of men invaded the offices of the Clerks' Union and tarred and feathered the mover of a resolution passed at the Trades Hall meeting on the 17th inst., requesting Trade Unionists to disregard recruiting circulars. The victim was bundled into the street and had to be protected by the police from the crowd.

THE SITUATION AT ADEN.

A RECENT SKIRMISH.

December 23, 3.45 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain said the position at Aden was unchanged during the past two months.
On the 20th inst. there was a skirmish in which the enemy had nine killed and one taken prisoner. We had one wounded.

BRITISH COMMANDS.

NO OFFICERS CASHIERED.

December 23, 4.45 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Tennant said he did not think it desirable to publish the names of officers who had been relieved of their commands at the front. None had been cashiered.

THE DARDANELLES.

TOTALS OF WOUNDED AND MISSING.

December 23, 3.45 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Tennant announced the following figures concerning the wounded and missing in the Dardanelles:—

	Officers	Men
Wounded	2,969	72,222
Missing	337	12,114

Totals 3,306 84,336
He had every hope that sickness was decreasing.

FURTHER FIGURES.

December 23, 2.05 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Tennant announced that the casualties in the Dardanelles to the 11th inst., including naval losses, were 112,921, of whom 1,609 officers and 23,670 men were killed or have died. The number of sick in hospital between April 25 and December 11 was 96,683.

RUSSIAN NAVAL SUCCESS.

BULGARIAN PATROL SHIPS SUNK.

December 23, 4.15 p.m.
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During the raid two Turkish patrol ships were sunk and their crews captured.

THE MÜNSTER EXPLOSION.

DEPENDENTS OF SOLDIERS KILLED.

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According to Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, the Telegram states that 400 persons, mostly wives and children of soldiers at the front, were killed in the explosion at the Münster munitions works.

TO-DAYS LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

VICTORIA CROSSES.

A LIEUTENANT'S SACRIFICE.

December 23, 2.50 p.m.
The Victoria Cross has been awarded in the case of Lieutenant Wilbur Dartnell, of the Legion of Frontiersmen.
During a mounted infantry engagement at Makten, East Africa, the enemy got within a few yards of our positions, hence it was impossible to rescue the more severely wounded. Lieutenant Dartnell was being carried away wounded, when, seeing the situation and knowing that the enemy's black troops killed the wounded, he insisted on being left behind in the hope of saving the others. He thus gave his own life.

AMAZING AIR EXPLOIT.

December 23, 3.45 p.m.
An amazing air exploit has gained the Victoria Cross for Second Lieutenant G. S. Inall.

While patrolling in Flanders in a Vickers' fighting machine, with Mechanic T. H. Donald as gunner, he attacked a German aeroplane which led him over a rocket battery, but he dived and foiled the German machine. The latter dived through a cloud, but the British machine followed and brought down the German in a ploughed field.

Second Lieutenant Inall, despite heavy German fire, again dived, and destroyed the German machine with an incendiary bomb. He returned, flying low and fast, firing into the German trenches, and gained the British lines. The Germans fired 150 shells while the machine was on the ground, but eventually the aviator got home safely.

INDIAN OFFICERS HONOURED.

December 23, 3.45 p.m.
The Indian Order of Merit of the 2nd Class has been conferred on Havildar Abu Khan, of the 40th Pathans (formerly in Hongkong), for gallantry and distinguished service in France.

In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

STEAMERS SUNK.

YASAKA MARU'S PASSENGERS SAFE.

December 22, 6.00 p.m.
The crew of the s.s. Huntley have all been saved with the exception of two.

A message from Reuter's correspondent at Port Said announces that the Japanese liner Yataka Maru has been sunk, the passengers and crew being saved.

GOVERNMENT HELP TO COMMERCE.

SUBSTANTIAL REPAYMENTS MADE.

December 22, 6.20 p.m.
Mr. McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons that the Treasury in the early days of the war advanced two hundred millions sterling in the United Kingdom to enable firms to meet their obligations of which amount eighty-two per cent. had since been repaid.

OUR NEW ARMIES.

RECRUITING FIGURES STILL WITHHELD.

December 22, 6.20 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith intimated that information regarding the results of Lord Derby's recruiting scheme would likely be given when the House reassembled. Mr. Hodge asked for the aggregate figures in view of the moral effect upon the country and the Allies. Mr. Asquith said the suggestion was tempting, but he wished to avoid any suspicion of a misleading statement.

A MILLION MORE MEN.

December 22, 11.20 p.m.
The House of Commons has agreed to the vote for an additional million men. Mr. Tennant (Parliamentary Under-Secretary for War) in the course of the discussion, expressed a hope that the number of young unmarried men who had not come forward would be negligible. He believed that the great majority of the country and a large proportion of members of Parliament were prepared to support the Government if it should be found necessary to resort to conscription. Mr. Tennant, referring to the necessity of the conscription, mentioned that the wastage at the front was about one per cent.

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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Daily Press.

The Government's Replies.
The diplomatic references which marked the replies returned by His Excellency the Governor yesterday to the questions submitted by the Hon. Mr. Rolleston, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. Holroyd, the two elected representatives on the Legislative Council, was not unexpected. In regard to the steps taken to fill the place of the late Mr. Hewitt, an unofficial member of the Executive Council, His Excellency declined to be drawn. "On me as the representative in the Colony of His Most Gracious Majesty the King," he said, "devolves the sole responsibility of humbly submitting through the Secretary of State for the Colonies for His Majesty's consideration, recommendations for such appointments. I have therefore not prepared to permit myself to be criticised as to what action at the present juncture I have taken or shall take to acquit myself of my heavy responsibility." As His Excellency's attitude on this point is strictly constitutional it need occasion no comment. In due course, when His Majesty's pleasure is made known through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the information sought will be forthcoming. On the subject, however, of the suggested change in the Constitution of the Colony, whereby the European commercial community would possess a real voice in the management of its own affairs, His Excellency's answer is of a more controversial character.

China Mail.

The Canton Opium Monopoly.
India opinion on the Canton Opium Syndicate has found expression in the Calcutta *Englishman*. This syndicate consists of a group of high officials and prominent merchants and was formed for the purpose of acquiring from the Provincial Government a monopoly of the right to retail the opium stocks purchased some few months ago from the opium importers in Hongkong. The declared purpose was to sell this opium as "medicinal opium," and our Calcutta contemporary says: "We know what 'medicinal opium' generally means, and it certainly will not mean the suppression of an evil to attain which India was forced by sentimentalists to sacrifice a large of her revenue. Particulars of this new opium monopoly of Canton are not very numerous, or exact, but what is said of it is quite enough to excite suspicion. Perhaps the Government of India can give some statement as to its aims and objects and explain in what way its operations are likely to further the policy of suppression in China."

South China Morning Post.

"A Curious Moral Development."
A telegram from Salonica remarks a curious moral development in the Greek army. Officers who have up till now been loyalists, who, means pro-Germans, now declare that if the Bulgarians cross the frontier they will join the French and fight them. But is this "curious moral development," as Reuters phrases it, so very curious after all? Earlier in the war there were some curious moral developments. There was such a development in France, in Russia, in Britain. Of it development be too strong a word, there was a wonderful moral quickening. There was another moral development which led to Italy divorcing herself from an unholy alliance and joining the allies. These developments were due largely to one cause.

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"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1915.

COLD COMFORT.

As was to be expected, the Hon. Mr. Pollock, in his implied plea at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday for the infusion of a larger elective element into the ruling bodies of the Colony, received scant sympathy from official quarters. Usual procedure was departed from in the respect that His Excellency the Governor thought it advisable to answer the hon. member's queries personally, but, save to observe that the suggestions made did not commend themselves to his judgment, Sir Henry had nothing to say on their merits or demerits. The main point of His Excellency's reply was that the war, and all that it has brought with it, is demanding the attention of both the Imperial and Colonial Governments to such an extent that, even if the inclination were present, time is too precious to waste on the discussion of the suggested reform in the Constitution of the Colony. Or, to use His Excellency's own words, "the season is strangely out of joint for even the discussion of such questions."

We can, of course, quite appreciate the point that the war is increasing tremendously the work and the responsibilities of the Government both here and at home, and we admit that, along these lines, a fair case can be made out why definite action on the matter should for the moment be deferred. But we think the suggestions put forward in good faith, and with the decided backing of the great bulk of the Colony's ratepayers, might at any rate have been received in a somewhat more sympathetic spirit than they were. As we see the matter, there was no occasion to administer a cold douche to those who are of the same way of thinking as Mr. Pollock. The whole point is that the hon. member was voicing a public demand which is growing in strength and seriousness, and one which, sooner or later, will have to be listened to. That demand is a purely unselfish and quite commendable one—namely, that the public itself, through its representatives, shall play a more active part in the life of the Colony than is possible under conditions as they are. In other words, they ask not only for a larger measure of power, but a point which is too often overlooked—a greater measure of responsibility in the running of the affairs of the Colony. Or, to put it in yet another form, they ask for a system of government based on the principles of true citizenship. In such a demand there is surely nothing that is either revolutionary or inherently objectionable. On the contrary, such a spirit deserves encouragement rather than suppression.

In his curt reply, His Excellency did not even promise that the matter would receive the consideration which its importance surely justifies; he merely expressed the disfavor with which he viewed the question, giving not the slightest reason for the attitude he took up. That, as we say, was disappointing, though the desire which Mr. Pollock voiced will, we suppose, come in due course to the notice of the Colonial Office. It is still to be hoped that the terms of His Excellency's reply do not imply that the subject is being shelved for good and all. Public sentiment claims that it must not be, and we sincerely trust that the unofficial members will not be dissuaded by the cold reception which has been given to the official attempt to remedy a state of affairs which, to use His Excellency's own phrase, is "strangely out of joint" with current thought and opinion.

CHRISTMAS 1915

This time last year there was in the minds of all but the incorrigible pessimists at least a faint hope that Christmas 1915 would see peace restored to the earth. When we reflect on all that civilization has passed through since the Twenty-Fourth of December 1914, our first feeling is one of thankfulness that man is deprived of the power of seeing into the future. Had it been possible, a year ago, to know that twelve months' time would find the world still at war, with new features and fresh nations drawn into that war, and with practically every other house in the belligerent countries in mourning, would Britain and her Allies have had the courage to face the ordeal that lay before them? Would they not, rather, have been tempted to accept an ignominious and perilous peace rather than contribute towards bringing such an amount of devastation and death upon the world? Germany, given the same opportunity of foreseeing, might—and probably would—have varied her programme greatly, for it is more than twelve months since she realized that she could not win, and so decided to give full vent to the evil spirit of mischief that is in her, hoping to drag down others in her fall.

In the year that has gone we have learned many things about ourselves, our allies and our enemies; and the day will come when we shall look back on it all and feel contentedly that the newly-acquired knowledge, bitter though much of it has been, has done us all a world of good. It is not a small matter that, after a year that has no parallel in history the Entente countries are more than ever determined to carry on their fighting till the goal is reached; and the best cure for the depression caused by the knowledge that there are certain shirkers at home who do not seem to care whether Germany is victor or vanquished, is to reflect that only really great nations can be so inexorably determined to win—and to win utterly and absolutely—as are the Allies, at the present moment, despite all they have gone through.

Last year, in wishing our readers—as we again do now—the happiest Christmas possible to them under prevailing circumstances, we touched upon the need for remembering those at home to whom war had brought distress and ruin. Subsequent events have contained much pleasurable disappointment for those of us who anticipated distress in Britain. Circumstances have been such that, up to the present, the war has brought no terrors of poverty in its wake; on the contrary, the working classes at home are less poorly off than they have ever been before. Distress, of course, will come—must come—sooner or later; perhaps on the very heels of the final victory, for Britain alone is spending a nation's revenue every day of the week. But troubles are not lightened by going halfway to meet them; just now it is a question of "sufficient unto the day," and one feels that the men who are about to prove that they have it in them to crush forever the vilest and greatest plot against the peace and freedom of Europe which was ever half-hatched, will also know how to face subsequent economic difficulties. Peace—the peace which all of us have grown up to connect with the Christmas idea—is not here yet, but it is very much on the way; and if there be some who conscientiously feel that Britain is approaching the present solemn festival in what is very far from a right or suitable spirit, they would do well to reflect also that there can be no peace for the world till the Allies have proved themselves strong enough to enforce it.

Why the Difference.

Apparently all the cases of abstraction of footpaths do not engage the attention of the Police. If a visit is paid to Arsenal Street and to Murray Road, the thoroughfare which runs along the eastern end of the Hongkong Cricket Club ground, it will be seen that the footpath in both places is absolutely blocked by some score or more huge cable drums, each four or five feet in diameter. The result is, of course, that the pavements cannot be used at all. We do not know to whom these drums belong, neither do we know who is to blame for permitting them to remain where they are, but this much we do know—that if a humble Chinese hawker were to take up his permanent stand in either of these localities he would very soon be hailed before the Magistrate for creating an obstruction. This seems to be another instance of the willingness of the authorities to strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. May we suggest that what is sauce for the goose should be sauce for the gander too?

The Yassaki Murders.

The news that was received yesterday of the sinking of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's premier boat, the Yassaki Maru, in the Mediterranean, not only caused a sensation in the Colony, but cast quite a gloom over a large section of its inhabitants. Although the full passenger list for Hongkong is not yet known, there were many people who had relatives and friends coming from home, and it was with great joy that telegrams were received, assuring that all were safe. The official message only states that the vessel was "sunk," whether her end was caused by an enemy submarine or not, being un stated, but there is every reason to believe that such was the case, for not only is this part of the journey free from ordinary navigation perils, but submarines have been very active in this quarter of late.

If it proves to be the case that her end was due to hostile craft, it will be the first passenger ship of our Eastern Allies that has been lost in this way during the war, and there can be little doubt that the Japanese authorities will

seek full reparation for this latest outrage against civilization. The sinking of passenger ships has been the diabolical joy of Germany many times since the war began, but one cannot help thinking that her time to play such havoc with common laws of humanity is getting short. The very fact that she indulges in these acts of barbarity is proof of it, for, realizing her approaching doom, she seeks to defer the time of its coming by the creation of a moral disarray among the peoples who are her enemies. That she has failed to accomplish her object has been demonstrated by the impetus in recruiting which has followed similar happenings at home. It is now Japan's turn to feel righteously enraged, and there is not the slightest doubt that, far from being dismayed, she will be re-fired with enthusiasm to assist, if necessary, more than ever in the crushing of this ruthlessly brutal nation.

[Since writing the above, definite information has been received that the vessel was torpedoed.]

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Meena, Wright and Horaby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows—

Dec.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	152	150	138	151	150	138	146	149	147	146	154	152	151	151	148	143	146	144	145	142	138	132	125	
Total to 23rd inst.	3,361																							
Daily average	146.17																							

DAY BY DAY.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE AND GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.—John 14.

The Weather.
At the Peak 3 a.m. Temp. 50° fine.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 58° fine.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail—Due to-day per a.s. Amherst.
Siberian Mail—Closes to-morrow per a.s. Chusan 9 a.m.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 100/78.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 14th anniversary of the rushing of the British camp at Twellington by De Wet.

Intercession.
The quarterly united meeting of intercession will be held at St. Paul's College on Tuesday next December 28, at 6 p.m.

For Canton.
The a.s. Hengshan, will leave for Canton to-morrow (Saturday), at 10 p.m., returning from Canton on Sunday, at 4.30 p.m.

The Siamis Arrive.
Being several days overdue, owing to engine trouble, the a.s. Siamis arrived in port this morning from the Cape via Mauritius.

St. Andrew's Church.
The Bishop of Victoria will be the preacher at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, to-morrow (Christmas Day) at the 11 a.m. service.

An Absconding Coochie.
A shopkeeper, of Queen's Road Central, has reported to the Police that his coochie, who was entrusted with \$270, has made off with the money.

To-night's Dances.
The Hongkong Hotel is holding the first of its Christmas dances to-night, when special means will be provided for dinner. The Palace Hotel, Kowloon, is also giving a private dance.

Arms Possession.
Before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with being in possession of 24 rounds of revolver ammunition which he had on board the a.s. Nim Hoi. A fine of \$50 was imposed.

Kowloon Theft.
Mrs. C. Humphreys, of Humphreys's Buildings, Kowloon, has reported to the Police, that yesterday some person entered her bedroom and from the dressing table drawer stole a cigarette case valued at \$200, one 8-franc piece valued \$10, and one ring valued \$10.

The Belle View Hotel.
This popular hotel has arranged special menus for the dinners on Christmas night, Sunday, and Monday. There will be music supplied, and private dinner parties can be arranged. The charge will be \$1.50 per head, and intending patrons are requested to book their seats early by telephoning to No. 907.

Special Christmas Menu.
As will be seen from our advertising columns, the Alexandra Cafe is putting up a special menu for Christmas Day, the full details of which appear in the advertisement. A glance at this will show that the bill of fare is a most remarkable one at the price (one dollar); and the enterprise of the management deserves a large measure of public patronage.

Langkat Sent to Prison.
Before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, Yeung Yik, a looking on duty at the Central Police Station, was charged with converting and applying to his own use the sum of \$475, between January 1 and December 24, at the Central Station; the money having been entrusted to him as being petty expenses in his duty as a police constable. Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed.

Excursion to Macao.
On Sunday, December 26, the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company's steamship, Tai Shan, will depart from the Company's Wharf, Lok Street, at 9 a.m. and return from Macao at 2 p.m. The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 a.m. and from Hongkong at 1 p.m. from the Company's Wharf, Lok Street.

ROLES ON THE CRISIS.

A CHEERLESS CHRISTMAS FOR GERMANY.

The Allies in the West.

German admissions, French official communications and Press Bureau statements all point (with a unanimity that cannot be altogether comforting to enemy sensibilities) to the fact that the Allies in the West have no intention of being caught napping. A magnificent surprise for our enemies was planned in the mighty German brain, and, like most of the other elaborate schemes from that source, it fell through—for precisely the same reason that its predecessors have also failed. The German mind can never, it seems, understand that its workings and performances are capable of being foreseen and guarded against; in other words it mistakes a certain ludicrous, monkey-like cunning for profundity. The result of its latest brilliant achievement is that the grand "offensive" was smothered at birth, and that the only good which the Germans got out of it all was a useful reminder to the effect that "the individual superiority of our men over the steadily deteriorating enemy is daily more marked." If that lesson is of any use to the Kaiser he is welcome enough to it. He will want something to cheer him up, this Christmas, unless we are mightily mistaken.

"Germany Must Starve."

Talking of the German intellect, we notice that it has at last begun to grasp what every non-German has suspected or known as the case may be, for nearly a year past; namely, that Germany is a bankrupt nation. That "terrible infant" of the enemy press—Vormarsch—has been on the warpath again, and has laid some very useful considerations before the minds of its readers. Already the Germans were depressed by the financial disclosures made in the Reichstag and now, by way of adding to that depression, along comes Vormarsch with the news that, even if Germany were indemnified she would still have to starve. By way of "rabbing it in," our friend further points out that Dr. Helfferich himself has now abandoned the prospect of an indemnity. All this shows profound insight on our plain-spoken contemporary's part; gradually, if it goes on learning and realizing, it will come to see that, not only is Germany going to get no indemnity, but that she is going to pay one of such magnitude that it will leave her a great deal worse than penniless. For Germany's own sake the sooner this latter idea is grasped by the whole country the better.

Tommy in the Trenches.

A merry Christmas to Mr. Thomas Atkins—may his tribe increase—and good luck to him in everything he undertakes. Perhaps one of the most saddening reflections connected with the position in the trenches at the present moment is that it should have been necessary for the army authorities to warn Tommy that "there will certainly be no amenities—nothing in the nature of a trace. All British ranks are bidden to remember that war is war and that the Germans invariably have a sinister motive in all that they do, especially under the guise of friendly sentiment." In the Peninsular and Crimean campaigns, in the American Civil War and even during the Boer troubles, there were times when men could forget that they were enemies one to another; when the old spirit of chivalry which our medieval ancestors tried to hand on to us was given full play; when friend and foe forgot all enmity for a few hours, and only remembered that they were fellow men. Germany has put it out of the power of the Allies to fall back on that healthy feeling; not only has she stained past forgiveness, but she has shown all too plainly that she has far less conception of chivalry, of common or garden "playing the game" than have the British. Courtesy and sportsmanship she mistakes for weakness, while her idea of good fellowship consists in poisoning wells, firing from behind women and children, and drawing her troops in British uniforms with the purpose of making a cheap and mean advantage. What wonder that our men are warned to riot nothing in the nature of a trace?

A YEAR AGO, TODAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Streets from the war zone were shown in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of December 24, 1914.

London Stock Exchange to Re-open.

It is officially announced that the London Stock Exchange re-opens on January 4.

German Advance on Angola. Russia is officially informed that the Germans are advancing against Angola in force.

Bombs Dropped at Strasbourg. An airman dropped bombs in a suburb of Strasbourg and did some damage.

Caucasian Battle in Progress. The Caucasus Staff of the Russian Army reports an engagement with numerous forces of Turks in the region of Van, which is developing favourably.

The enemy made a night attack on the village of Alghenna, which was repulsed with great losses to the enemy.

Askeid Accounts for Three Ships. Naval Headquarters at Petrograd announces that the cruiser Askeid has captured a German vessel near Haila and has blown up two Turkish ships near Haila.

Over \$500 for War Funds. The recent piano and organ recital given in Canton by Mr. Danman Fuller produced the amount of \$554.15 which has been allocated as follows:

British Women's Work Association — \$254.15

Rifles Soldiers and Sailors' Fund — 200.00

Russian Red Cross — 100.00

\$554.15

This result is the more remarkable owing to the exceptionally bad weather prevailing at the time. The following is the programme of the piano recital:

1.—Sonata in B minor — Liszt.

2.—(a) A. D. Rameau's Tales (No. 1) — Norman Parker.

(b) Prelude — Edith Baines.

(c) Poupée Valse — E. Poldini.

(d) Ruse de Spring — U. Sinding.

3.—(a) Nocturne (Op. 9, No. 2) — Chopin.

(b) Valse (Op. 64, No. 1) — Chopin.

4.—(a) "Cherry Ripe" — Horne.

(b) "The Valley of Lehigh" — W. Saunders.

5.—Intermezzo in octaves — T. Leachet.

Accompanist — Mrs. Adams.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral—6.45 a.m.

The Holy Communion, 7.45 a.m.

The Holy Communion, 9.15 a.m.

Choral; the Bishop will be the Celebrant.

Service conducted by the Chaplain to the Forces, 11 a.m.

Matins—Preacher, Rev. E. Copley Moyle; Collection for the Diocesan Girls' School, 12 noon.

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WAR TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)
INDIAN PRISONERS.

HOW THEY ARE PAID.

December 22, 3.30 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain said that Indian Army officers who are prisoners of war receive, after sixty-one days on full Indian pay, the British pay and allowances for Indian Army leave pay, whichever is the greater, and it is not considered that any alteration is required.

INDIAN ARMY PROMOTIONS.

December 22, 9.55 p.m.
The following pensioned Subadar Majors, formerly of the Regiments indicated, have been promoted to the rank of Honorary Captains in recognition of valuable services rendered by them during the war.—Girdhari (42nd), Surj (48th) and Kurban Ali Khan (108th); and the following Honorary Lieutenants:—Shah Wali Khan (108th), Sitaram Sogla (117th) and Hira Singh (14th).

PEACE SUGGESTIONS.

OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE UNDESIRABLE.

December 22, 11.35 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Bern states that, replying to a Socialist interpellation suggesting that the Federal Council should offer its good offices for the conclusion of an armistice for paving the way for peace negotiations, V. Hoffman, head of the Political Department, on behalf of the Council, while sympathizing with the suggestion, said it was foredoomed to failure and might be misunderstood. Until both sides favoured peace outside interference would be prejudicial.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

FURTHER ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

December 23, 12.25 a.m.
The Press Bureau publishes a report from Headquarters in France to the effect that there has been artillery activity at many points during the last twenty-four hours, principally about Ennetout, on both sides of the La Bassée Canal and at Ypres. Our artillery replied effectively.

THE FRENCH CAPTURES.

December 23, 12.25 a.m.
Last night's Paris communique reports further successes by the French artillery, which exploded a German ammunition depot on the heights of the Meuse. The enemy regained a small portion of the trenches captured yesterday at Hartmannswillerkopf, which were held by French outposts. The total German prisoners captured in the fight at Hartmannswillerkopf now exceeds 1,300.

NO TRUCE THIS CHRISTMAS.

December 22, 2.30 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters states that, though the weather is depressing, Christmas in the British trenches promises to be most cheerful. The trenches are quite comfortable compared with those of Christmas, 1914, and the troops are additionally conscious of their superiority over the enemy. The authorities have arranged for the distribution of plum puddings to the entire army. There will certainly be no amenities and nothing in the nature of a truce. All British ranks are bidden to remember that war is war and that the Germans have invariably a sinister motive in all they do, especially under the guise of friendly sentiment. This admonition is unanimously and cordially approved in the trenches.

THE PEACE PILGRIMS.

MEMBER OF MR. FORD'S PARTY DIES.

December 23, 12.25 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Christiania reports that Mr. Lloyd Kingham, manager of a New York theatre, a member of Mr. Henry Ford's peace expedition, has died of pneumonia.

THE REICHSTAG DEBATES.

GERMAN PEOPLE DEPRESSED.

December 23, 2.30 a.m.
The debates in the Reichstag have depressed the Germans. The Vorwärts emphasises that Dr. Helfferich has abandoned the prospect of war indemnities and says that Germany, even if indemnified, must starve on a great scale for years. Twenty-one Socialists have seceded from the party and formed an independent organisation.

THE RUSSIANS.

SATISFACTORY REPORTS.

December 23, 3.50 a.m.
The Petrograd communique, recounting minor encounters between scouts and some bombings, shows that the Russians are holding their ground on the Dvina front. The Russians likewise have had the best of encounters in Western Galicia, where they have captured prisoners and quantities of arms and ammunition. The Russians have inflicted most heavy losses on the Turks near Olty.

THE BALKANS.

NO FRESH DEVELOPMENTS.

December 23, 6.00 a.m.
A message from Reuter's correspondent at Salonica says the situation at the front is stationary. The enemy has not yet shown signs of invading Greek territory.

THE GREECO-BULGARIAN INCIDENT.

December 23, 9.40 a.m.
A message from Reuter's correspondent at Athens gives unofficial details of the Koritsa incident. A Bulgarian detachment suddenly attacked on the pretext of pursuing a small Serbian force. The Greek guards defended and, after a three hours' engagement, the Bulgarians retreated having suffered serious losses. The Government of Greece made representations to Germany and Bulgaria on the matter and has been assured that the Bulgarian officer who was responsible for the attack will be punished.

TRADE WITH CHINA.

Mr. Ainscough, British Trade Commissioner at Manchester.

Mr. T. M. Ainscough, the British Trade Commissioner, who recently returned from China, gave an address on 12th ult. at the rooms of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce on "British Trade with China."

Mr. Ainscough said that the mission which had just been concluded on behalf of the B. and O. Trade differed from all previous missions in that it was primarily directed to the interior of China. In the last eighteen months the speaker had visited eighteen of the provinces. He had been struck by the small amount of penetration effected by British firms; and he had found in almost every province signs of activity by our competitors, particularly our German competitors. They had had a practical monopoly of two enormous lines of trade which had provided them with the means of extending their organisation—the trade in arms and munitions, and the trade in aniline dyes and indigo. With the large commissions earned on these two lines they had been enabled to stand the expense of agencies in the principal towns—at any rate in the capital towns of the provinces—and to push their other lines of trade. This applied, perhaps, more to engineering than to the cotton trade. It was noteworthy that, with the exception, the Germans had effected this penetration through the mercantile firms, with the close co-operation of the manufacturers.

There had been some discussion lately as to whether it was possible for the manufacturer to do direct business in China. Mr. Ainscough did not say it was impossible; indeed, he knew of some successful schemes of distribution by the manufacturers; but he thought that in general trade the ideal method was to work through the merchant. The trouble had been that the merchants had had their hands full and had not felt justified in bearing the whole expense of trade extension schemes. Our weakness was a lack of co-operation between our industrial and mercantile effort. The Germans had a system of close co-ordination of their financial organisation, their industrial organisation, and their merchants.

Manchester owed a great deal to the German merchants, who had pushed British goods in the interior, and the argument was often put forward: "If a foreign house is willing to push British goods, why should we mind?" His answer to that argument was that the German firms in China, so far as he knew them, were only willing to push foreign goods which it was impossible for Germany to supply. Their sense of patriotism in trade was strong. Therefore, though the Germans might suit us for the time being as distributors of our products, they would only continue to serve us so long as Manchester remained predominant in the cotton industry and the Germans could not manufacture the products successfully themselves. There was a great opportunity for the British houses in China to prove during the present lull in competitive trade that they were competent to handle the distribution of these goods, and he hoped that, if they made the attempt, they would be met with a spirit of co-operation and good will from this side.

Another thing against us was that we had not got that hold on the export trade of China that our competitors had. The Germans and one or two other Continental nations had monopolised the export trade in Chinese products. They had their own organisations in the country for collecting the products, and, at the same time, they unobtrusively pushed the sale of their own goods. He was convinced that if Great Britain could do more to develop the export trade of China, and if London could take the products of the country now handled on the Continent, it would have a very beneficial effect upon our import trade into China.

At present, Mr. Ainscough said, the whole question of trade in China was dominated for the political situation. What would be the effect of the recent Con-

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TELEGRAMS.

SIR ARTHUR BARRETT.

(Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph.")
London, Received, December 23.
His Majesty the King, at Buckingham Palace, has invested Lieut-General Sir Arthur Barrett, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., commanding the 6th (Poona) Division of India, as Knight Commander of the Order of the Star of India (K.C.S.I.).

SIR THOMAS JACKSON.

Died in Harness.

London, Received, December 23.
Sir Thomas Jackson died suddenly while transacting business at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in London.

THE RACES.

A Curtail Programme for the Next Meeting.

As we announced in our issue of yesterday, the programme of the Races to be held at Happy Valley on February 21, 22, 23, and 25 has just been issued, and, at a glance, it is noticeable that there are to be curtailments on last year's programme. Prominent among the omissions, as compared with the list at the last Meeting, is the Hongkong Griffin Stakes, which were run on the opening day of the Meeting this year. The amounts offered in this race were \$600 for the winner, and \$200 and \$100 respectively for the second and third. The Northern Stakes, which were decided on the second day this year, will also be absent from next February's list, as is the Mongolian Stakes run on the third day of the meeting twelve months ago. In both cases the stakes offered were \$600 for the first and \$200 and \$100 respectively for the second and third. Of course the list for the Off-day, Saturday, February 26, is not yet complete, only two races appearing, whereas there were eight events on the card last February.

A closer study of the events reveals the fact that there is an appreciable decrease in the amount of money to be offered, the figures in some cases being widely different. In sixteen events where the first stake was valued at \$800, a year ago, only \$500 are being given at the next Meeting, whilst in the Jockey Club Stakes, the Gymkhana Club Cup, and the Great Southern Stakes only \$500 are being given instead of \$750. There are many other instances of reductions, but perhaps the best idea of the curtailments will be obtained when it is stated that on the first three days' races there is a reduction of \$3,400.

stitutional crisis? Having seen some of the work of Yuan Shikai and his Government during the last few years, had seen a marked but steady centralisation of government in Peking. There had also taken place the redemption of the greater portion of the "irredeemable" note issues of the revolution. China's currency was somewhat chaotic state, but the improvement in the stability of the Chinese dollar was most marked.

CRICKET.

The following side will play for the H.K.C.C. commencing at 10.30 a.m.:—Major Morgan (Capt.), F. H. Baker, P. R. Butler, F. W. Carey, Major Harris Edge, J. Glaister, E. W. Hamilton, C. A. Hooper, P. Jacks, F. A. Redmond and A. Whitmarsh.

Y. M. C. A. Sports.

The tenth annual sports of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association will take place on Monday the 27th December at Happy Valley. This will be an all day meeting. The Champion ship events will be run off in the morning beginning at eleven o'clock. In the afternoon handicapped events, children's race, and group competitions will take place. A friend of the Association has offered a valuable silver cup to the winner of the most points in three years. The Committee has decided to open the one mile champion-ship bicycle race to all cyclists in the Colony. Post entries will be allowed.

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By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
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Hongkong, 24th December, 1915.

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1 " Claret St. Julien	—	—	—	quart.
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1 " Sherry Vino de Pasto	—	—	—	quart.
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The s.s. Nichino Maru and
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have recently been transferred to
the possession of the Taiyo Kisen
Kaisha, Dairen, from Mr. K.
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Y.370,000 each, have found an-
other buyer for Y. 700,000 each.

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issue the following notice to the
owners of Admiralty transports
and to mercantile marine officers:

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either British or British
coloured persons. No other
nationalities should be engaged
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service, to secure crews of British
coloured persons. This rule shall
not necessarily apply in the case
of any ships which at the time of
requisitioning had on board a
crew of Asiatics signed on at an
Asiatic port."

The Shipping Chances.

So far the effect on freights of
the new Orders in Council has
been negative rather than positive,
remarks the Times. They have
caused the volume of chartering
to diminish. Owners hesitate to
charter their vessels to load grain
from America to ports of the
Allies countries, since it seems
probable, but is not yet certain,
that the words "foreign ports"
in the new Licensing Order in-
clude "Allied ports." They
picture licenses being refused for
such trade and then, when their
vessels are approaching North
America, the Requisitioning Com-
mittee coming on the scene and
"commandeering" the ships for
a voyage to this country with
grain. Yesterday they were dis-
posed to regard an outward voyage
from this country with coals as
rather safer. The rate for coals to
Port Said is now about 49s. per
ton, or seven times the rate before
the war, so that, even though
there may be an intention to
bring the vessels home
in ballast, the round voyage
should show excellent results. It
is important to remember that the
effect of all the Government's
shipping measures, so far as they
have had any effect, has been to
raise the freights for all vessels
not immediately involved. The
system of requisitioning ships for
Government service has been the
most powerful influence of all.
The greater the number that
may be requisitioned by the new
committee the better the pros-
pects for those that are left un-
touched. Even the excess profits
tax of the last Budget has served
to harden freights. There is now
noticeable a tendency to excess
rising freights on the ground that
the State will take half of the sur-
plus profits, but an example will
show that, while the State's share
is increasing, the cargo steamship
owner's share is always on a
higher scale. Before the new
tax was introduced the time
cargo steamer charter rate per
deadweight per month was 17s.
as compared with about 4s. be-
fore the war. On a rough basis,
without calculating increased
working costs, the excess profit
may therefore be taken at 12s., of
which the State takes 6s. 6d. The
amount received by the owner is
6s. 6d. and 4s., making 10s. 6d.
per ton per month. For a steamer
of 8,000 tons deadweight, a rate
of only 10s. would give a return
of \$4,000 per month, or \$48,000
per annum, whereas such a vessel
a few years ago may well have
cost less to build. These figures
are now being much improved
upon. The time charter rate has
risen to about 22s., so that on the
same basis the excess profit is
19s. The State's share is 9s. 6d.
per ton per month, and the
owner's return is 9s. 6d. and 4s.,
making 12s. 6d. per ton per
month, or at the rate of \$28,000
per annum. There is every in-
dication that the upward move-
ment will now be much encour-
aged by State tinkering with the
shipping problem. In the absence
of the relief to the situation which
could be given by expert manage-
ment, the merchants have to pass
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SANDAKAN	Mausang	Fri. 31st Dec. at noon
SPORE, Pang & Calcutta	Kumsang	Fri. 31st Dec. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri. 31st Dec. at 3 p.m.
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Shanghai	Chenan	B. & S.	25. Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Tean	B. & S.	28. Dec.
Batavia	Tjaroem	J. C. J. L.	28. Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haimun	D. L. Co.	28. Dec.
Singapore	Fookshing	J. M. Co.	28. Dec.
Shanghai	Anhui	B. & S.	28. Dec.
Shanghai	Tjikembang	J. C. J. L.	29. Dec.
Singapore via Amoy & Swatow	S. Jacob	J. C. J. L.	30. Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	Namsang	J. M. Co.	30. Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Portos	P. Thomas	31. Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Atsuta M.	N. Y. K.	31. Dec.
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Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	31. Dec.
Sandakan	Mausang	J. M. Co.	31. Dec.
Tientsin	Huichow	B. & S.	31. Dec.
Singapore & Bombay	Pensang M.	N. Y. K.	3. Jan.
Batavia	Tjiliwong	J. C. J. L.	3. Jan.
Belawan Deli (Medan)	Van S.	J. C. J. L.	4. Jan.
Manila, etc.	Taming	B. & S.	4. Jan.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama	Nellore	P. & O.	7. Jan.
Kobe	Tiboras	J. C. J. L.	9. Jan.
S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Mongara	P. & O.	9. Jan.
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VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.	From	Expected
Standard, Am. S. S. Co.	Q. Johansen	5th Dec. — Saigon, 10th Dec. — S. & Co.
Kashima, Br. S. S. Co.	L. B. B. B.	14th Dec. — Gen. — Order.
Telegraph, Br. S. S. Co.	L. S. S. S.	15th Dec. — Gen. — Order.
Yuenang, Br. S. S. Co.	L. S. S. S.	17th Dec. — Gen. — Order.
Yuenang, Br. S. S. Co.	L. S. S. S.	17th Dec. — Gen. — Order.

VESSELS DUE.

Agents.	Vessel's Name.	Tonnage.	Date Due.	Destination.
B. & S.	Priam	4,543	Dec. 24	Liverpool
J. C. J. L.	Tjikembang	12,000	Dec. 24	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	S. S. Maru	12,000	Dec. 24	Yokohama
J. M. & Co.	Namsang	12,000	Dec. 25	Singapore
J. C. J. L.	Tjaroem	12,000	Dec. 25	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru	16,000	Dec. 26	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Kashima Maru	21,000	Dec. 26	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nazko	12,000	Dec. 26	Yokohama
J. C. J. L.	Tjikembang	12,000	Dec. 26	Yokohama
B. & S.	Helena	7,555	Dec. 26	Batavia
J. C. J. L.	Tjiliwong	4,104	Dec. 26	London
T. & Co.	Fathlamba	8,000	Dec. 26	London
P. & O.	Nellore	8,000	Dec. 26	London
N. Y. K.	Pensang Maru	8,000	Dec. 26	London
J. M. & Co.	Kutawang	8,000	Dec. 26	London
N. Y. K.	Sado Maru	6,927	Dec. 26	London
P. & O.	Kashima	6,927	Dec. 26	London
J. C. J. L.	Tjikembang	7,435	Dec. 26	London
B. & S.	Knight Companion	7,435	Dec. 26	London
J. C. J. L.	Arakan	3,586	Dec. 26	London
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P. & O.	Novara	3,586	Dec. 26	London
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P. & O.	Chiyo Maru	22,000	Dec. 26	London
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N. Y. K.	Changsha	2,269	Dec. 26	London
N. Y. K.	Awa Maru	6,309	Dec. 26	London
N. Y. K.	S'idokha Maru	21,000	Dec. 26	London
N. Y. K.	Suwa Maru	21,000	Dec. 26	London
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P. & O.	Nellore	3,808	Dec. 26	London
P. & O.	Namur	3,808	Dec. 26	London
G. L. & Co.	Alpenham	3,808	Dec. 26	London
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J. C. J. L.	Tjisondari	22,000	Dec. 26	London
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N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru	22,000	Dec. 26	London
P. & O.	Sar inia	6,574	Dec. 26	London
P. & O.	Nankin	6,574	Dec. 26	London
N. Y. K.	Aki Maru	6,574	Dec. 26	London
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N. Y. K.	Tango Maru	6,574	Dec. 26	London
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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH SECOND EXTRA

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1915.

HABEAS CORPUS CASE.

Judgment of Full Court.

EXTRADITION DEMAND FAILS.

This morning the Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge delivered judgment in the case of the appeal of Hong Shui-lung, who is seeking his release under Habeas Corpus in the extradition proceedings which have been occupying the attention of the Full Court for some time past.

The Attorney General (Mr. J. H. Kemp), Mr. E. H. Sharpe, K. C., and Mr. F. C. Jackson, appeared for the Crown, whilst Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Branton, represented the fugitive.

Among those in Court was the Hon. Mr. Cland Severn (Colonial Secretary). The Chief Justice said that the case raised questions of great importance and involved elaborate arguments on practically all aspects of the Extradition Law. After referring to the sections under which the fugitive had been committed he said that he had had occasion in two recent cases to examine the authorities as to the duty of that Court in relation to the decision of a magistrate under the Extradition Ordinance. They laid down, briefly, that that Court was not a Court of Appeal from the magistrate on questions of fact, but had only to see that he had sufficient evidence before him as to give him authority and jurisdiction to commit. That the sufficiency of the evidence to justify commitment is a question entirely for the magistrate; and that the decision of a magistrate that the offence charged is not of a political character is subject to review by the Court. As to the finding of the magistrate it is clear that he regards the discretionary power conferred on him as alternative or two fold. He says—"It is the duty of the magistrate to commit, (1) if in his opinion the evidence given is sufficient to put the accused upon his trial, or, (2) if the evidence given raises a strong and probable presumption of the guilt of the accused."

Now, if the evidence raises a strong or probable presumption of guilt, it is undoubtedly sufficient to put the accused on his trial and would appear to involve something more than the evidence necessary to establish a prima facie case and this is demonstrated, if proof is necessary, by the discrimination shown in the Act of 7 Geo. 4, Cap. 84, in limiting the power of a single Justice to a case where a stronger presumption of guilt exists, whereas no such limitation is placed upon the power of two or more Justices. He had no hesitation in construing the words of the extradition ordinance as conferring two alternatives on the magistrate in his power to commit. He could not accept Mr. Potter's contention that the magistrate, to justify a commitment, must find a probable presumption which is the minimum ground upon which he can commit nor could he find any ground for holding that the first alternative, i.e. the prima facie case, governs the discretion of the magistrate at the close of the Crown's witnesses, whereas the second alternative "must be called in aid after evidence for the defence has been called off and the magistrate is considering the evidence as a whole." During the hearing of the argument, he strongly, at one time, inclined to the view that the language of the magistrate was not a mere expression of serious doubt as to the guilt of the fugitive, but was tantamount to a refusal to exercise the jurisdiction conferred on him by delegating

to a jury, that is "The Court of Trial" the duty of deciding a case where a prima facie case was not, in his opinion, made out, on the ground that there was legal evidence on which a jury could possibly convict. If this view was the correct one, he would have no hesitation in holding that that was an abuse of the magistrate's power inasmuch as it was tantamount to a refusal to exercise the power which the law gave him. The Crown had, however, urged upon the Court that the language of the Magistrate was not open to such a construction, and that it amounts to an expression of strong doubt as to the guilt of the fugitive, but that he decides to commit for trial as there is evidence which a jury, viewing the evidence differently, might convict upon without the possibility of their verdict being set aside. By this he thought they must assume that the magistrate, in his reference to jury or "the Court of Trial" must be taken to have implied that there is such evidence as a jury, viewing the whole of the evidence reasonably, could properly convict upon, and that the reference to a conviction being set aside on the ground of absence of evidence must be construed to mean such evidence as a jury could reasonably and properly convict upon. After full consideration, he had arrived at the conclusion that on reading the judgment as a whole they were not doing violence to his language in placing the construction which he had placed upon it. It was contended, and he thought, with some force, that if a magistrate, having formed, as the magistrate had here, strong opinions in favour of the innocence of the accused, is to commit the fugitive in defiance of those opinions, that the discretion given him by the law is a mere nullity and his position is purely ministerial. For those reasons he thought that the magistrate's commitment should not be interfered with on that ground. The Chief Justice proceeded to consider the next point for the fugitive, that under Section 4 of the Ordinance the magistrate was required to give an express finding whether in his opinion the requisition for the fugitive's surrender had in fact been made with a view to try or punish him for an offence of a political character. The magistrate, in his judgment, dealt with the point as follows—"The duty of the magistrate to form an opinion in this matter is clear and I have formed that opinion. Any action to be taken on the opinion formed was to be not by the magistrate but by the Governor. In my view, the magistrate's view is completed when he has communicated his opinion to the Governor. I have already done this. It is not part of the magistrate's duty to inform the fugitive of his opinion." The section protected the fugitive from surrender "if he proves to the satisfaction of the magistrate" that the requisition is made to punish him for a political offence. A similar protection is afforded on such proof either to the Court on Habeas Corpus proceedings or to the Governor, but he was constrained for the moment to deal with these alternatives. He must observe, firstly, that the Statute was a penal one affecting the liberty of the subject and must be construed strictly, and, secondly, that the magistrate had expressly declined to inform the fugitive of the conclusion he had come to on the point. In fact, the solicitor for the fugitive stated in his affidavit that the magistrate, although requested by counsel so to do, declined in his judgment, to state the conclusion at which he had arrived on this point. As he had pointed out, the restriction on surrender vests equally in the Magistrate, the Court and the Governor. And the power of the Court and the Go-

vernor to intervene was shared equally by the Magistrate. He was clearly of opinion, therefore, that the magistrate was required to give a finding to the fugitive whether he, the magistrate, was satisfied on the evidence tendered by the fugitive or not that the requisition for his surrender had in fact been made with a view to try or punish him for an offence of a political character. The magistrate's decision was subject to review by that Court. He was obliged to express an opinion on the point although no power was expressly given to the magistrate to discharge the fugitive, if he was satisfied on that point. The words "he shall not be surrendered" were a matter appertaining to the Executive, in which the magistrate was not concerned. It was also pointed out by counsel for the fugitive, and he agreed, that if the magistrate's view was correct, his duty on that point was completed when he had communicated his opinion to the Governor. Such an intimation would have been expressly provided for in the particulars of the report which he had to furnish to the Governor after commitment. The obligation on the magistrate was, in his opinion, clear that the fugitive should be informed whether or no he had satisfied the magistrate on the evidence which he had tendered, that he was entitled to his liberty. The action of the magistrate on this point amounted to a failure to exercise the jurisdiction conferred on him. It was based, he thought, on a mistaken view of the law and in itself vitiated the commitment. He could not assent to the suggestion put forward by the Crown that the magistrate's opinion on the point was covered by the warrant of commitment, which was merely the authority given to the prison authorities for the detention of the accused; or that the magistrate's intimation in his judgment that he had communicated his opinion to the Governor, from which no discharge by the Governor followed, was a sufficient intimation on which the fugitive could assume that the representation of the magistrate was hostile to him. The fugitive was entitled to an explicit finding on the law, and the event of the finding being against the fugitive he was entitled to produce further evidence on the Habeas Corpus proceedings in that Court. On the further question that they should remit the case to the magistrate to give a finding on this point, in his opinion they should not. In the present case the magistrate, with all the necessary evidence before him, had declined to exercise a power conferred by law upon him, and whatever the consequences may have been, had deprived the fugitive of his legal right.

The Chief Justice went on to say that then arose the question: Has the fugitive satisfied this Court that the requisition for his surrender has in fact been made to try or punish for an offence of a political character? He was of opinion that the undertaking given to the Executive authority was no bar to the duty which was placed on the Court, of investigating the allegation of the fugitive. In so far as the undertaking which was before them was concerned, it was no part of that Court's prerogative to deal with it. He wished to observe, however, that the finding of the Court on the evidence before it implied no want of bona fides on the part of the high official who had given the assurances, based undoubtedly on representations made to him, from what doubtless he regarded as trustworthy sources.

Dealing with the facts, his Lordship said that the evidence of the witnesses called for the Crown from Sam To Chuk, the bona fides of whom were very seriously questioned

VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R. state—

P. of W. Camp and Gun Club Hill.

The General Officer Commanding has approved of the acceptance of the offer of the Officer Commanding Wing 4th Battalion K. S. L. I. to furnish the duties on Saturday the 25th instant. Those detailed in Corps Order No. 94 of the 17th instant will not therefore be required to attend.

Parades. There will be no parades during the week ending Saturday the 1st January next.

by the magistrate, is false it amounts to a conspiracy to convict this man of an offence of which he is innocent, and he thought no jury could have the least doubt as to the motive which dictated such a conspiracy. It was admitted that the fugitive was a political rebel, and in various official documents from the Government Gazette of Canton he was designated as a "rebel of the worst kind." Documents could leave no doubt that up to January 1915, the fugitive was required as a rebel and political criminal. He had read the evidence of the Crown witnesses from the village and he thought it was surrounded by such grave doubts as to fully justify the opinion which the magistrate had formed. The fugitive said that the whole story was an invasion, and that the cook, if he ever existed, was never killed and that the coffin and grave were merely mythical and simply the finishing touches to adorn the tale. Such a plot, if it were not seriously put forward in a case of the highest importance, would savour more of comic opera than incidents in real life.

The conclusion he had arrived at was that whilst the gravest suspicion attached to the Crown's witnesses from Sam To Chuk, the official documents which offered every possible inducement for the arrest of the "rebel" and were entirely silent on the alleged extradition crime, could leave no reasonable doubt which prompted the requisition for his surrender. He was of opinion that the requisition had been made with a view to punish the fugitive for an offence of a political character, and, in his opinion, the rule must be made absolute, and the fugitive was entitled to his discharge.

In the course of his judgment, the Puisne Judge, who agreed with the Chief Justice, reviewed the points of law raised in the case, and after going carefully through the questions of fact referred to what was alleged to have taken place in the Yn Tai oil shop. He concluded by saying that it was easy to see that it would be practically impossible for the defence to have arranged any trickery. The little town was full of police and soldiers and the attention of the local authorities must have been focussed on the shop. It was inconceivable that the friends of a revolutionary or of a brigand should be able to temper with the case for the Government informant. It was unlikely that the "staging" was done in the interests of the prosecution.

At the conclusion of the reading of the judgments, the fugitive was brought up before the Chief Justice and discharged. He was, however, subsequently re-arrested.

SERIOUS FIRE.

Sugar Store Completely Destroyed.

Yesterday afternoon a serious fire broke out at Mongkok, as a result of which three valuable buildings were seriously damaged. Apparently the fire started at the Kwong Fat Sh building yard, which is a structure of corrugated iron and wood.

Despite the efforts of the Fire Brigades from Yauwatti and Mongkok, the flames quickly spread to the Kwong Sang Ming Engineering Works and from thence to the Kwong Hing Sugar and Candy Store, where owing to the inflammable nature of the stock, the fire burned very fiercely, and this building was absolutely demolished.

The shipbuilding yards are insured. The damage to the Kwong Fat Shipbuilding yards amounted to \$250, to the engineering works \$1,000, and to the Sugar Store \$55,000.

Engine Drivers Grant and Fowler were slightly injured.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D. state—

Leave. Pte. P. S. Thomson is granted leave of absence from 23.12.15 to 28.12.16.

Transfer. Private F. H. Dillon from Civil Service Company to Engineer Company, dated 23.12.15.

Parades. Parades for Saturday, 25th instant Nil.

Parades for Sunday, 26th instant Nil.

Parades for Monday 27th instant Nil.

Parades for Tuesday 28th instant—7.00 a.m. Member of Signalling Section and other Signallers as detailed in Signalling Section Order dated 8.12.15—Morse flag practice at Headquarters.

5.10 p.m. Centre Section M. G. Co.—Machine Gun drill at Kwloon Dock. Lunch leaves Statue Pier at 4.30 p.m.

5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections A.V. Batsy—10 pdr. drill at Headquarters. Sergt. Bradley will attend.

5.15 p.m. Left Section M. G. Co.—Bayonet fighting at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. No. 3 Section Scouts Co.—Machine Gun drill at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units—Squad drill and B.A. exercises at Headquarters under Sergt. Major Higby.

5.15 p.m. Stretcher Bearer Section—Instruction at Headquarters.

Detail.

Gun Club Hill, Kowloon:—

On duty until morning of 25th instant.—H.K.V.R.

On duty 26th inst. to 2nd. Proc.—Right Section M. G. Co.

On duty until morning of 28th instant.—H.K.V.R.

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Notice.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

"PIPE FOR MEN IN THE TRENCHES."

Sir—Last month you very kindly allowed me, through the columns of your paper, to thank numerous ladies and gentlemen who had contributed towards a fund to purchase pipes for our brave soldiers who are nobly and cheerfully enduring the terrible hardships and discomforts of trench life during a very severe winter's campaign. Since the last acknowledgment was published, I have received contributions amounting to \$20 from the following, to whom I desire to express my appreciation of their kindness:—Anon. Ann. J. B. W. G. Humphreys, R.D. H. O. Hodgson (Canton); Mrs. Evan Jones, J.J.; H.W.L. G.L. A.M. Looming; Mrs. M. K. M.; Mrs. Maitland; C. H. Shield (Canton); William and Kathleen Williams; Tregunter (H.P.W.); Mrs. Hallward.

Lists Nos. 1 to 4 (above) 84 75
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Pipes are still badly needed by our brave fighting men in France, the Dardanelles, and in fact everywhere else where they are being employed to repel the invasion of a powerful enemy. I therefore beg permission to remind readers of your paper that the Pipe Fund will be kept open until further notice. Every five dollars will purchase two dozen better pipes. I shall be extremely grateful to all who help me to obtain another \$20 before the end of the year.

Yours etc.,
ETHEL H. HARTLEY.

"Albertholwyn" 14, Peak Road, December 24.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Its Observance in Hongkong.

The Week of Prayer from January 3 to January 7 will be observed in Hongkong by united meetings at 5.30 p.m. in the City Hall from Monday to Thursday and on Saturday at 12.30 p.m., the meeting on Friday being held at St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, at 5.30 p.m. The programme is:—
Monday, 3rd — City Hall.
Subject:—Thanksgiving and Humiliation.

Chairman and Speaker:—The Bishop of Victoria.

Tuesday, 4th — City Hall.

Subject:—The Church Universal—The "One Body" of which Christ is the Head.

Chairman:—Rev. W. J. H. West.

Speaker:—Rev. F. W. Pearce.

Wednesday, 5th — City Hall.

Subject:—Nations and their Rulers.

Chairman:—Rev. C. L. Cooper.

Thursday, 6th — City Hall.

Subject:—Missions.

Chairman:—Rev. H. Copley.

Friday, 7th — St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon.

Subject:—The Young Churches, and the Young.

Chairman:—Rev. E. L. Martin.

Speaker:—Mr. J. L. McPherson.

Saturday, 8th — City Hall.

Subject:—Home Missions and the Jews.

Chairman and Speaker:—Rev. N. C. Pope.

HONGKONG & THE WAR.

WHY NO MORE MEN CAN BE SPARED.

Mercantile Community Anxious at Ill-Advised Suggestions.

The following letter from the Chairman of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to the Hon. Colonial Secretary has been sent to us for publication:—

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.
Hongkong.
24th December, 1915.

Sir—The Committee of this Chamber has had its attention drawn to a contributed article entitled "The Hongkong Hundred" which appeared in the Daily Press of this morning and has noted that similar expressions of opinion have been voiced before in the press of the Colony.

If these be views held by the Community generally, I suggest that the time would appear to be appropriate for the institution by the Government of a scheme of registration similar to that initiated by Lord Derby in Great Britain.

If the Military Authorities should be eventually of the opinion that men could be spared from the defence of the Colony for the front, I trust that H. E.'s views will be that such men should be first forthcoming from the Regulars, Territorial Force and lastly from the Volunteer Forces.

British firms and British Banks have done, and are desirous of doing everything in their power to further the cause of victory, and towards this end it has constantly been impressed upon them that it is of the utmost importance to foster the export and Overseas Carrying trade of Great Britain and to maintain the income derived from business generally. This they are endeavouring to do to the best of their ability with considerably depleted staffs already engaged in certain Military Duties.

It is causing annoyance to British firms to read such views as have been circulated, doubtless without much thought or real knowledge of the situation and the Mercantile Community would welcome a definite expression of opinion from the Government on the matter.

The Committee, regarding the subject as of immediate public interest, has directed that copies of this communication shall be handed to the press without waiting for your reply.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
D. LAFRANKE,
Chairman.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

SANITARY BOARD.

The Sanitary Board meets on Wednesday next at 3.45 p.m. The orders of the day include:—

Letter from Government relative to the appointment of Mr. F. B. L. Bowley to be a Member of the Sanitary Board.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of one water closet at No. 5 Charter Road, Marine Lot No. 102 and 103, Queen's Buildings.

Application for permission to erect one water closet and one urinal at the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Works, Tungshom Marine Lot No. 27.

Application for permission to erect 4 water closets at Nos. 1 to 4 Para Villas, Kowloon Island, Lot No. 576, sections D and E.

Up to the Minute.
No change.

PUBLIC AUCTION
GEO. P. LAMMERT.
AUCTIONEER, SHARE &
GENERAL BROKER

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

WEDNESDAY,

the 29th December, 1915, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at No. 2 Old Bailey

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture comprising—
Push and Tapestry covered couches and chairs, Cherrywood desks, round table and stool, Blackwood chairs and flower stands, Teak overmantels, Mantel clocks, Japanese embroidered screens, Teak bookcases, Engravings, Lace curtains Brass fenders, Electric ceiling and table fans—and lamps, carpets, rugs, etc.

Teak extension dining table and chairs, teak sideboard, glass cabinet, leather covered arm-chairs, E. P. ware, cutlery and crockery.
Double brass bedstead, Mahogany and teak double and single wardrobes with glass doors, toilet table and washstand, chest-of-drawers, Cherrywood trunk, toilet crockery, enamelled bath etc.

Also
2 Gramophones, record cabinets and records.
1 American ice chest.
On view from Monday the 27th inst.
Catalogue will be issued.
Terms—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1915.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY,
the 28th December, 1915
commencing at 11 a.m. at Mody's,
Godown, Wanchai.

A Quantity of Machinery and Bldg.

comprising—
Brick making machine, concrete batch mixer, truck corner rounding machine, portable warehouse cranes, gas producer, vacuum cleaner, wire stitching machine, platform scale, armour-hose, vertical drilling machine, and planing and thicknessing machine. Lathe heads with countershaft, wood turning lathe.
And
V. G. F. Balasahola Bedding, "Bull Dog" brand Balata slings.

On view now.
Terms—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1915.

NOTICE.

REGULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1916, 10 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of Crown land above Kennedy Road and below I.L. 1216, Robinson Road respectively in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, the option of renewal at 20 years to be fixed by the Governor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

REGULARS OF THE LOTS.

Lot	Area (Approximate)	Frontage	Depth	Remarks
Lot 1	1/2 acre	100 ft.	100 ft.	Frontage on Kennedy Road
Lot 2	1/2 acre	100 ft.	100 ft.	Frontage on Robinson Road

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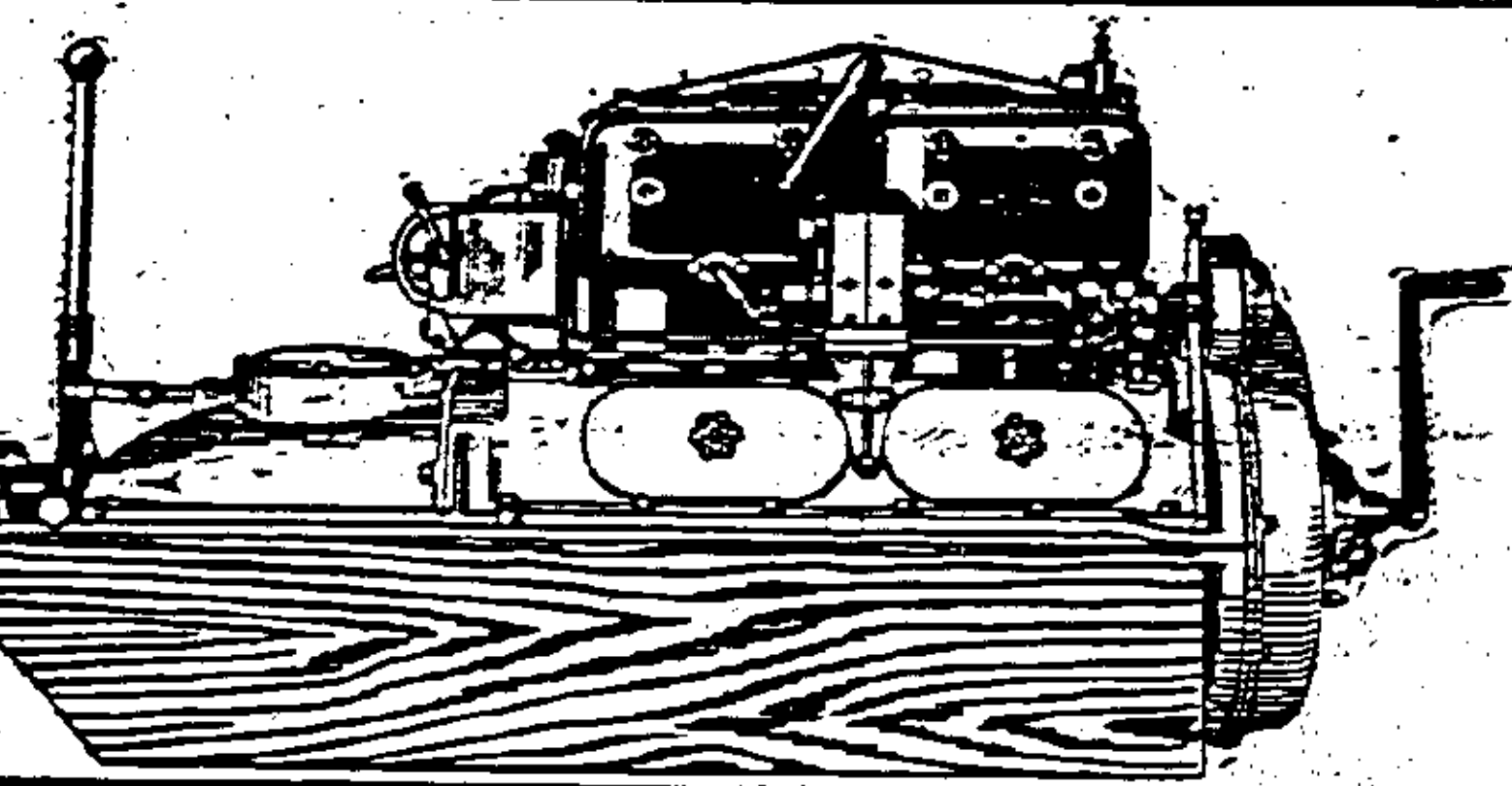
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9.15 p.m. ORCHESTRA

NOTICES.

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OFFICIAL MARKET PRICES

Hongkong, March 12, 1915

BUTCHER MEAT.

Beef Sirlion—Moi Lung Pa	lb.	19
Prime Cut	lb.	21
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	lb.	19
Roast—Shin	lb.	19
Breast—Ngau Lam	lb.	17
Soup—Tong Yuk	lb.	15
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	lb.	20
do—Sirlion—Ngau Lam	lb.	30
Sausages—Ngau Cheung	lb.	24
Bullock's Brains—No	per set	10
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li	each	50
do—corned—Ham Ngau Li	each	60
Head—Ngau Tau	lb.	11.00
Heart—Ngau Sun	lb.	14
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin	lb.	20
Feet—Ngau Keuk	each	11
Kidneys—Ngau Yin	lb.	11
Tail—Ngau Mei	lb.	18
Liver—Ngau Kon	lb.	13
Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	lb.	6
Calves' Head & Feet—Ngau Tai-tai-tai	set	1.08
Mutton Chop—Young Poi Kwat	lb.	25
Leg—Young Poi	lb.	25
Shoulder—Young Shau	lb.	24
Saddle	lb.	27
Pigs Chittings—Chu Chong	lb.	27
Brains—Chu No	per set	24
Feet—Chu Keuk	lb.	13
Fry—Chu Chap	lb.	15
Head—Chu Tan	lb.	18
Heart—Chu Sam	each	11
Kidneys—Chu Yin	lb.	18
Liver—Chu Kin	lb.	23
Pork Chop—Chu Pai Kwat	lb.	24
Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	lb.	23
Leg—Chu Poi	lb.	23
Kat or Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	29
Sheep's Head and Feet—Young Tau Keuk	set	60
Heart—Young Sam	each	8
Kidneys—Young Yin	lb.	12
Liver—Young Kon	lb.	26
Sucking Pigs, to order—Chu Tsi	lb.	22
Suet, Beef—Shang N' a Yau	lb.	20
Mutton—Shang Young Yau	lb.	28
Veal—Ngau Tsi Yuk	lb.	19
Sausages—Ngau Tsi Cheung	lb.	20
Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	20

POULTRY:

Chicken—Kai Tsi	lb.	35
Capon, Large, Small—Sin Kai	lb.	34
Ducks—Ap	lb.	32
Doves—Pan Kan	lb.	18
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz	20
(fresh)	lb.	36
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb.	42
Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	lb.	30
Geese—Ngo	lb.	24
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap	each	28
Hothow—Hoi How Pak Kap	each	25
Snake—Sha Tsi	each	22
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung	lb.	60
Hen—Na	lb.	45
Pheasant—Shan Kai	lb.	75
Quail—Om Chun	lb.	25
Partridge—Che Ku	lb.	65

FISH:

Berber—Ka Yu	lb.	16
Bream—Pin Yu	lb.	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	lb.	15
Carp—Li Yu	lb.	20
Catfish—Chik Yu	lb.	12
Codfish—Mun Yu	lb.	14
Crabs—Hoi	lb.	26
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	lb.	18
Dab—Sha Mang Yu	lb.	12
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	lb.	13
Dog Fish—Tsi To Sha	lb.	10
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man	lb.	13
Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu	lb.	18
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	lb.	32
Frogs—Tin Kai	lb.	33
Garoupa—Shak Pan	lb.	40
Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu	lb.	16
Herring—Tao Pak	lb.	20
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap	lb.	20
Labrus—Wong Ka Yu	lb.	18
Loach—Wu Yu	lb.	28
Lobsters—Lung Ha	lb.	28
Mackerel—Chi Yu	lb.	20
Munk Fish—Mong Yu	lb.	32
Willet—Chai Yu	lb.	16
Oysters—Shang Ho	lb.	22
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu	lb.	12
Perch—Tan Lo	lb.	18
Pike—Ka Pan Fong	lb.	16
Plaice—Pan Yu	lb.	15
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	lb.	26
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	lb.	28
Prawns—Ming Ha	lb.	28
Ray—Pai Pa Sha	lb.	10
Rock Fish—Shak Kwa Kung	lb.	15
Roach—Chun Yu	lb.	12
Salmon—Ma Yu	lb.	30
Shark—Sha Yu	lb.	7
Skate—Po Yu	lb.	8
Shrimps—Ha	lb.	25
Suspper—Lap Yu	lb.	23
Soles—Pai Sha Yu	lb.	26
Tench—Wai Yu	lb.	16
Turbot—Cho How Yu	lb.	18
Turtles, small, fresh water—Keuk Yu	lb.	80

PROFITS:

Almonds—Hing Yan	lb.	35
Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Khe	lb.	18
(Chico)—Tin Chun Ping Khe	lb.	18

肉食

Carabots—Young To	each	12
Coconuts—Yo Tse	each	12
Grapes—Po Tai Tse	lb.	30
Lemons, China—Lung Mang	lb.	8
America—Kam Shan Ling Mang	lb.	40
Lichees Dried—Lei Chi, small Stone	lb.	28
Fresh	lb.	28
Oranges, (Canton)—Shan-shang Tin Ching	lb.	5
Sweet	lb.	8
Pears, (American)—Kun San Shout Lay	lb.	10
(Canton), Cooking—She Li	lb.	10
Peanuts—Fa Shang	lb.	10
Plantain—Tai Chio	lb.	10
Pumpkins—Swatow, Hung Lai	lb.	10
Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yau	each	14
Shanghai—Lo Kwat	lb.	15
Walnuts—Hop To	lb.	15
Green—Sung Hop Tso	lb.	15
Water Melon—(Am.)—Kun San Sai Kwa	each	1

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichoke, Shanghai—Cheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb.	8
Chenok	lb.	8
Pears, (French), Macao—Oh Moon Pin Tan	lb.	8
(French) Shanghai—Cheung Hoi Pin	lb.	8
Sprout—Ah Chai	lb.	8
Long—Tan Kok	lb.	8
Peet Root—Hung Chai Tan	each	6
Bitter Squash—Ku Kwa	lb.	8
Brijals, Green—Ching Yuen Kwa	lb.	8
Red—Hung Ka	lb.	8
Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Kai Tsi	lb.	18
Cabbage, Shanghai—Ye Tsi	lb.	14
Corn Shooks, bunch—Kun Shan	lb.	8
Carrots—Kam Shan	lb.	8
Calary, Chinese—Tong Kan Tsi	lb.	8
Chilies Dried—Kun Lap Chin	lb.	25
Red—Hung Fa Chin	lb.	10
Green—Ching Lap Chin	lb.	10
Curry Stuffs, English—Ka Li Chin Liu	lb.	10
Gambers—Ching Kwa	each	2
Gashie—Sun Tan	lb.	8
Ginger, young—Sun Tse Kung	lb.	6
old—Lo Kung	lb.	6
Horae Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan	lb.	12
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	each	1
Lettuce—Young Shang Tsi	lb.	1
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	lb.	6
Mandarin—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	lb.	8
Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Cho Ho	lb.	35
Musk Melon, Amer.—Kam-sai Hong Kwa	each	1
Okra	lb.	1
Onions Bombay—Young Chong Tan	lb.	8
Green—Shang Chong	lb.	6
Shanghai—Cheung-hoi Chong Tan	lb.	8
Parsley—Kun Tsi	lb.	8
Green Peas—Ching Tan	lb.	1
Potatoes, Sweet—Pan Shu	lb.	3
Shanghai—Cheung-hoi Shu Tsi	lb.	1
Japan—Yut Pin Shu Tsi	lb.	3
American—Fa Ki Shu Tsi	lb.	8
Focchow—Foc-chow Shu Tsi	lb.	1
Pumpkin—Tong Kwa	lb.	3
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsi	lb.	5
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	lb.	1
Sage—Tse So	lb.	1
Shallots—Kun Ching Tan	lb.	6
Spinach—Yin Tsi	lb.	5
Tomatoes—Fan Ke	lb.	6
Taro—Wu Tan	lb.	6
Turnips, Puri, (Long)—Lo Pak	lb.	4
English—Young Lo Pak	lb.	4
Vegetable Marrow—Chit wa	lb.	4
(American)—Ka-sai Chit wa	lb.	4
Water Cross—Sai Young Tsi	lb.	12
Lily root—Lin Ngau	lb.	6
Yams—Ta Sin	lb.	6
English—Young Kan Choi	lb.	1

The above prices are in accordance with the Government list of maximum charges fixed by Proclamation as revised up to 31st ult. The Proclamation also contained the following schedule of maximum retail prices—

1. Flour—		
(a) Highest Grade, per bag of 50 lb.		\$4.50
per lb.		10
(b) Second Grade, per bag of 50 lb.		4.00
per lb.		8
(c) Third Grade, per bag of 50 lb.		3.50
per lb.		7
2. Tinned Milk—		
(a) Sweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin		35
(b) Unsweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin		25
(c) Sterilized Milk, per tin (18 oz.)		25
(d) Sterilized Milk, per 1 liter tin		35
(e) Eagle Brand, per 1 lb. tin		33
(f) Skimmed Milk, per 1 lb. tin		20
3. Sugar—		
Cuba, in 6 lb. tins, per tin		1.15
Refined Crystallized, per lb.		14
Granulated, per lb.		14
Soft, No. 1 quality, per lb.		13
No. 2		12
Cooking Salt, 2 cents per lb.		
4. Frozen Meat—		
The Dairy Farm prices for frozen food and other stores published on 1st September, 1914, with all changes in prices shown in red ink, are the maximum retail prices for the articles enumerated in the price list of that date. [Approved copies signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Food Committee can be seen either at the Treasury or on the premises of the Dairy Farm Company in Wyndham Street.]		
5. Market Produce—(See above)		
6. The prices of provisions imported from countries other than China (excepting those above enumerated) may not be raised more than 15 per cent above the retail prices prevailing in the Colony on the 25th July, 1914.		

Note.—In consideration of the loss sustained by discount on subsidiary currency, payment for all articles of food not specified in the above list (excepting those articles enumerated in clause 5 of the Proclamation No. 15 of the 30th October, 1914, and in the above list) shall if made in advance, can be subject of additional charges of 15 per cent.

COMMERCIAL.

Sugar Refining Company of Sydney.

A recent meeting of the shareholders of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Sydney, the Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report on the company's affairs for the half-year ended September 30, 1915, said:—"It is nearly 30 years since we gave the shareholders a half-yearly report without a profit and loss account, and our excuse on this occasion is that the complications arising from the intervention of a Government in the purchase of the sugar we handle prevent us from completing this. We are, however, quite in order in declaring an interim dividend, for our deed gives us power to do so (which was declared at a rate of 6 per cent. annum). The balance-sheet cannot call for explanation, for the assets stand at much the same figure as in our last statement. You will remember that, in 1913, we position in regard to the assets made Australia was explained to you, and will have realized that a division of the company would be affected by the valuation of those in Australia. As to the transactions with the Commonwealth, I should say that our payments for some time to come will be very large, for these will cover about 240,000 tons of sugar. In due time the receipts from sales will clear off the indebtedness, and, perhaps, a surplus may be ended by next year and the course of trade referred to its usual channels. Under management come in for handling the Queensland crop, we thought it well-looking to all the circumstances of the case to offer to carry out the refining on a margin of 10s per ton instead of the normal—and very moderate—rate of 20s. In regard to the arrangement for the handling of the reported sugar next year, we could not make any such concession, as you will understand when I say that the 20s rate only gives us 4 per cent. on the selling price of the sugar in bond to cover interest on the outlay and on our plant, wear and tear of the latter, and the payment for our experience in the trade. I do not make any comments on these transactions; we were not consulted about them, except as to our willingness to buy and refine the sugar, and it was obviously to the interests of all concerned that we should undertake this work. In Queensland an attempt is now to be made to have the price to be paid for cane fixed by boards appointed for this purpose. The proposal is, we think, a grave mistake, and we have reason to believe that a majority of our suppliers would prefer that the friendly relations so long maintained with us should continue. But the Act gives the minority control in this matter, and it may, therefore, be expected that attempts will be made to upset our arrangements with the cane-growers. If so, we shall be able to show that, in the division of profits, the advantage is not with the mill-owner. At all our mills the drought has been severe this year, though in New South Wales and Fiji it has not done so much harm as in Queensland. To what extent the young cane for next year has suffered cannot, at present, be stated. In New Zealand our water supply was so nearly exhausted that there was a risk of the refinery being stopped; the dams have now been filled by heavy rain, and the position is again quite safe. Some months since we were told that the Admiralty proposed to take the steamer we are building in England, but this intention has not so far been fulfilled. The Fiona has lately been aground in Fiji, and a good deal of damage was done to her hull. More members of our staff have enlisted during the past six months, and the total is now 161 of the officers and 210 of the men. We much regret to report that three of the former and nine of the latter have been killed."

The Chinese Government Mint. A rumour runs that the Chinese Government will remove the Tientsin mint from Tientsin to Peking, when a new set of machinery arrives at the capital.

SHARE REPORT. COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK.	Today's Closing Price.	Number of Shares.	Par Value.	Div. Payable.	1914. Highest. Lowest.	1915. Highest. Lowest.	1916. Highest. Lowest.	1917. Highest. Lowest.	1918. Highest. Lowest.	1919. Highest. Lowest.	1920. Highest. Lowest.	1921. Highest. Lowest.	1922. Highest. Lowest.	1923. Highest. Lowest.	1924. Highest. Lowest.	1925. Highest. Lowest.	1926. Highest. Lowest.	1927. Highest. Lowest.	1928. Highest. Lowest.	1929. Highest. Lowest.	1930. Highest. Lowest.	1931. Highest. Lowest.	1932. Highest. Lowest.	1933. Highest. Lowest.	1934. Highest. Lowest.	1935. Highest. Lowest.	1936. Highest. Lowest.	1937. Highest. Lowest.	1938. Highest. Lowest.	1939. Highest. Lowest.	1940. Highest. Lowest.	1941. Highest. Lowest.	1942. Highest. Lowest.	1943. Highest. Lowest.	1944. Highest. Lowest.	1945. Highest. Lowest.	1946. Highest. Lowest.	1947. Highest. Lowest.	1948. Highest. Lowest.	1949. Highest. Lowest.	1950. Highest. Lowest.	1951. Highest. Lowest.	1952. Highest. Lowest.	1953. Highest. Lowest.	1954. 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